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- His panegyric is made up of half a dozen *shreds*, like a schoolboy's theme, beaten general topics. *Swift.*
A beggar might patch up a garment with such *shreds*, as the world throws away. *Pope.*
2. A fragment.
They said they were an hungry; sigh'd forth proverbs,
That hunger broke stone walls; that dogs must eat:
And with these *shreds* they vented their complainings. *Shak.*
Shreds of wit and fenceless rhymes
Blunder'd out a thousand times. *Swift.*
- SHREW. *n. f.* [*schrezen*, German, to clamour.] A peevish, malignant, clamorous, spiteful, vexatious, turbulent woman. [It appears in *Robert of Gloucester*, that this word signified anciently any one perverse or obstinate of either sex.]
There dede of hem vor hunger a thousand and mo,
And yat nolde the *shrewen* to none pes go. *Robert of Gloucester.*
Be nierry, my wife has all;
For women are *shrews* both short and tall. *Shak. H. IV.*
By this reckoning he is more *shrew* than she. *Shakespeare.*
A man had got a *shrew* to his wife, and there could be no quiet in the house for her. *L'Estrange.*
Her fallow cheeks her envious mind did frow,
And ev'ry feature spoke aloud the *shrew*. *Dryden.*
Every one of them, who is a *shrew* in domestic life, is now become a scold in politics. *Addis. Freeholder.*
- SHREWED. *adj.* [Contracted from *shrewed*.]
1. Contracted from a shrew; malicious; troublesome; mischievous.
Her eldest sister is so curst and *shrewed*,
That till the father rids his hands of her,
Your love must live a maid. *Shakespeare.*
2. Maliciously; cunningly; more artful than good.
It was a *shrewed* laying of the old monk, that two kind of prisons would serve for all offenders, an inquisition and a bedlam: if any man should deny the being of a God, and the immortality of the soul, such a one should be put into the first, as being a desperate heretic; but if any man should profess to believe these things, and yet allow himself in any known wickedness, such a one should be put into bedlam. *Tillotson.*
A spiteful saying gratifies to many little passions, that it meets with a good reception; and the man who utters it is looked upon as a *shrewed* satirist. *Addison.*
Corruption proceeds from employing those who have the character of *shrewed* worldly men, instead of such as have had a liberal education, and trained up in virtue. *Addison.*
3. Bad; ill-betokening.
Scarce any man passes to a liking of sin in others, but by first practising it himself; and consequently we may take it for a *shrewed* indication, and sign, whereby to judge of those who have sinned with too much caution, to suffer the world to charge sins directly upon their conversation. *South's Sermon.*
4. Painful; pinching; dangerous; mischievous.
Every of this number,
That have endur'd *shrewed* nights and days with us,
Shall share the good of our returned fortune. *Shakespeare.*
When a man thinks he has a servant, he finds a traitor that eats his bread, and is readier to do him a mischief, and a *shrewed* turn, than an open adversary. *South's Sermon.*
No enemy is so despicable but he may do a body a *shrewed* turn. *L'Estrange.*
- SHREWDLY. *adv.* [from *shrewed*.]
1. Mischievously; destructively.
This practice hath most *shrewdly* past upon thee. *Shakespeare.*
At Oxford, his youth and want of experience in maritime service, had somewhat been *shrewdly* touched, even before the sluices of popular liberty were set open. *Wotton.*
2. Vexatiously. It is used commonly of slight mischief, or in ironical expression.
The obstinate and schismatical are like to think themselves *shrewdly* hurt, forsooth, by being cut off from that body which they choose not to be of. *South's Sermon.*
This last allusion rubb'd upon the fore;
Yet seem'd the not to winch, tho' *shrewdly* pain'd. *Dryden.*
3. With strong suspicion.
Four per cent. encreases not the number of lenders; as any man at first hearing will *shrewdly* suspect it. *Locke.*
- SHREWDSNESS. *n. f.* [from *shrewed*.]
1. Sly cunning; archness.
Her garboiles, which not wanted *shrewdsness* of policy too, did you too much disquiet. *Shakespeare.*
The neighbours round admire his *shrewdsness*,
For songs of loyalty and lewdness. *Swift.*
2. Mischievousness; petulance.
SHREWISH. *adj.* [from *shrew*.] Having the qualities of a shrew; froward; petulantly clamorous.
Angelo, you must excuse us;
My wife is *shrewish* when I keep not hours. *Shakespeare.*
- SHREWISHLY. *adv.* [from *shrewish*.] Petulantly; peevishly; clamorously; frowardly.
He speaks very *shrewishly*; one would think his mother's milk were scarce out of him. *Shakespeare.*

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- SHREWISNESS. *n. f.* [from *shrewish*.] The qualities of a shrew; frowardness; petulance; clamorousness.
I have no gift in *shrewisness*,
I am a right maid for my cowardice;
Let her not strike me. *Shakespeare.*
- SHREWMOUSE. *n. f.* [*schreap*, Saxon.] A mouse of which the bite is generally supposed venomous, and to which vulgar tradition assigns such malignity, that she is said to lame the foot over which she runs. I am informed that all these reports are calumnious, and that her feet and teeth are equally harmless with those of any other little mouse. Our ancestors however looked on her with such terror, that they are supposed to have given her name to a scolding woman, whom for her venom they call a *shrew*. *Shakespeare.*
- To SHRIEK. *v. n.* [*skriger*, Danish; *sericciare*, Italian.] To cry out inarticulately with anguish or horror; to scream.
On top whereof ay dwelt the ghastly owl,
Shrieking his baleful note. *Fa. Queen.*
It was the owl that shriek'd, the fatal belman
Which gives the sternest good-night.
Were I the ghost that walk'd,
I'd shriek, that even your ears should rift to hear me. *Shak.*
In a dreadful dream
I saw my lord to near destruction,
Then shriek'd myself awake. *Denham.*
Hark! Peace!
At this she shriek'd aloud; the mournful train
Echo'd her grief. *Dryden's Knight's Tale.*
Why did you shriek out?
SHRIEK. *n. f.* [*serieg*, Danish; *sericcie*, Italian.] An inarticulate cry of anguish or horror.
Una heaving evermore
His useful shrieks and groanings, often tore
Her guiltless garments, and her golden hair,
For pity of his pain. *Fa. Queen.*
Time has been my senses would have cool'd,
To hear a night shriek, and my fell of hair
Would at a dismal treatise rouse and stir
As life were in't. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
The corps of Almon, and the rest are shown,
Shrieks, clamours, murmurs, fill the frighted town. *Dryd.*
- SHRIFT. *n. f.* [*schreft*, Saxon.] Confession made to a priest.
A word out of use.
Off with
Bernardine's head: I will give a present *shrift*,
And will advise him for a better place. *Shakespeare.*
My lord shall never rest;
I'll watch him tame, and talk him out:
His bed shall seem a school, his board a *shrift*. *Shakespeare.*
The duke's commands were absolute,
Therefore my lord, address you to your *shrift*,
And be yourself; for you must die this instant. *Rome.*
- SHRIGHT, for *shrieked*. *Spenser.*
- SHRILL. [A word supposed to be made per onomatopoeiam, in imitation of the thing expressed, which indeed it images very happily.] Sounding with a piercing, tremulous, or vibratory sound.
Thy hounds shall make the welkin answer them,
And fetch *shrill* echoes from the hollow earth. *Shakespeare.*
I have heard
The cock that is the trumpet to the morn,
Doth with his lofty and *shrill* founding throat
Awake the god of day. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
Have I fall'n,
From the dread summit of this chalky bourn!
Look up a height, the *shrill* gorg'd lark so far
Cannot be seen or heard. *Shakespeare's K. Lear.*
Upstarts the lark,
Shrill voice'd and loud, the messenger of morn. *Thomson.*
- To SHRILL. *v. n.* [from the adjective.] To pierce the ear with sharp and quick vibrations of sound.
The fun of all the world is dim and dark;
O heavy herse,
Break we our pipes that *shrill'd* as loud as lark,
O careful verie. *Spenser.*
Hark how the minstrels 'gin to *shrill* aloud
Their merry music that rebounds from far,
The pipe, the tabor, and the trembling crowd
That well agree withouten breach or jar.
A *shrilling* trumpet sounded from on high,
And unto battle bade themselves address. *Shakespeare.*
Here, no clarion's *shrilling* note
The muse's green retreat can pierce;
The grove, from noisy camps remote,
Is only vocal with my verse. *Penton's Ode to Lord Gower.*
The females round,
Maids, wives, and matrons mix a *shrilling* sound. *Pope.*
- SHRILLY. *adv.* [from *shrill*.] With a shrill noise.
- SHRILLNESS. *n. f.* [from *shrill*.] The quality of being shrill.
- SHRIMP.

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- SHRIMP. *n. f.* [*schrumpe*, a wrinkle, German; *sermpe*, Danish.]
1. A small crustaceous vermiculated fish.
Of shell-fish there are wrinkles, *shrumps*, crabs. *Carew.*
Hawks and gulls can at a great height see mice on the earth, and *shrumps* in the waters. *Dorham.*
2. A little wrinkled man; a dwarf. In contempt.
It cannot be, this weak and writhled *shrimp*
Should strike such terror in his enemies. *Shakespeare.*
He hath found,
Within the ground,
At last, no *shrimp*,
Whereon to imp
His jolly club. *Ben. Jonson.*
- SHRINE. *n. f.* [*scin*, Saxon; *serinum*, Latin.] A case in which something sacred is deposited.
You living powers enclos'd in stately *shrines*
Of growing trees; you rural gods that wield
Your scepters here, if to your cares divine
A voice may come, which troubled soul doth yield. *Sidney.*
All the world come
To kiss this *shrine*, this mortal breathing faint. *Shakespeare.*
Come offer at my *shrine* and I will help thee. *Shakespeare.*
They often plac'd
Within his sanctu'ry itself their *shrines*,
Abominations! and with cursed things
His holy rites profan'd. *Milton.*
Falling on his knees before her *shrines*,
He thus implor'd her pow'r. *Dryden.*
Lovers are in rapture at the name of their fair idol; they have out all their incense upon that *shrine*, and cannot bear the thought of admitting a blemish therein. *Watts.*
- To SHRINK. *v. n.* preticite, *I shrink*, or *shrank*; participle, *shrunken*. [*scinican*, Saxon.]
1. To contract itself into less room; to shrivel; to be drawn together by some internal power.
But to be still hot summer's tanlings, and
The *shrinking* slaves of winter. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*
I am a scribbled form, drawn with a pen
Upon a parchment, and against this fire
Do I *shrink* up. *Shakespeare's K. John.*
I have not found that water, by mixture of adies, will
shrink or draw into less room. *Bacon's Nat. History.*
Ill-weav'd ambition how much art thou *shrink*!
When that this body did contain a spirit,
A kingdom for it was too small a bound;
But now two paces of the vilest earth
Is room enough. *Shakespeare.*
2. To withdraw as from danger.
The noise encreases,
She comes, and feeble nature now I find
Shrinks back in danger, and forsakes my mind. *Dryden.*
Am I become so monstrous, so disfigur'd,
That nature stands aghast;
And the fair light which gilds this new made orb,
Shorn of his beams, *shrinks* in. *Dryden.*
Love is a plant of the most tender kind,
That *shrinks* and shakes with ev'ry ruffling wind. *Grave.*
All fibres have a contractile power, whereby they shorten;
as appears if a fibre be cut transversely, the ends *shrink*, and make the wound gape. *Arbutnot.*
Philosophy that touch'd the heav'ns before,
Shrinks to her hidden cause, and is no more. *Pope.*
3. To express fear, horror, or pain, by shuddering, or contracting the body.
There is no particular object so good, but it may have the shew of some difficulty or unpleasant quality annexed to it, in respect whereof the will may *shrink* and decline it. *Hosker.*
The morning cock crew loud,
And at the found it *shrank* in haste away,
And vanish'd from our sight. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*
I'll embrace him with a soldier's arm,
That he shall *shrink* under my courtesy. *Shakespeare.*
When he walks, he moves like an engine,
And the ground *shrinks* before his treading. *Shakespeare.*
4. To fall back as from danger.
Many *shrink*, which at the first would dare,
And be the foremost men to execute. *Daniel's Civil War.*
I laugh, when those who at the spear are bold
And venturous, if that fail them, *shrink* and fear
To endure exile, ignominy, bonds. *Milton.*
If a man accusoms himself to fight those first motions to good, or *shrinking* of his conscience from evil, conscience will by degrees grow dull and unconcerned. *South's Sermon.*
The sky *shrank* upward with unusual dread,
And trembling Tyber divid'd beneath his bed.
He sees now vainly make to his retreat;
And, when from far the tenth wave does appear,
Shrinks up in silent joy, that he's not there. *Dryden.*

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- The fires but faintly lick'd their prey,
Then loath'd their impious food, and would have *shrunk*
away. *Dryden.*
Fall on: behold a noble beast at bay,
And the vile huntsmen *shrink*. *Dryden.*
Inuring children to suffer some pain, without *shrinking*, is
a way to gain firmness and courage. *Locke.*
What happier natures *shrink* at with affright,
The hard inhabitant contends is right. *Pope.*
- To SHRINK. *v. a.* participle pass *shrank*, *shrank*, or *shrunken*.
To make to shrink. Not in use.
O mighty Caesar! d'ost thou lye so low?
Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils,
Shrank to this little measure? *Shakespeare.*
The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon.
His youthful hose well sav'd, a world too wide
For his *shrank* thank. *Shakespeare.*
If he lessens the revenue, he will also *shrink* the necessity. *Taylor.*
Keep it from coming too long, lest it should *shrink* the corn in measure. *Motimer.*
- SHRINK. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Corruption; contraction into less compass.
There is, in this, a crack, which seems a *shrink*, or contraction in the body since it was first formed. *Woodward.*
2. Contraction of the body from fear or horror.
This publick death, receiv'd with such a cheer,
As not a sigh, a look, a *shrink* bewrays
The least felt touch of a degenerate fear. *Daniel's C. v. War.*
- SHRINKER. *n. f.* [from *shrink*.] He who shrinks.
- SHRIVALT. *n. f.* Corrupted for *SHRUFFALT*, which see.
- To SHRIVE. *v. a.* [*scrifan*, Saxon.] To hear at confession.
What, talking with a priest, lord chamberlain?
Your friends at Pomfret they do need a priest,
Your honour hath no *shriving* work in hand. *Shakespeare.*
He *shrives* this woman,
Else ne'er could he so long protract his speech. *Shakespeare.*
If he had the condition of a saint, and the complexion of a devil, I had rather he should *shrive* me than wive me. *Shak.*
Shrive but their title, and their moneys poize,
A laird and twenty pence pronounc'd with noise,
When contru'd but for a plain yeoman go,
And a good sober two pence, and well so. *Cleveland.*
- To SHRIVEL. *v. n.* [*schrimpelen*, Dutch.] To contract itself into wrinkles.
Leaves, if they *shrivel* and fold up, give them drink. *Evel.*
If she smelted to the freshest nosegay, it would *shrivel* and wither as it had been blighted. *Arbutnot.*
- To SHRIVEL. *v. a.* To contract into wrinkles.
He burns the leaves, the scorching blast invades
The tender corn, and *shrivels* up the blades. *Dryden.*
When the fiery suns too fiercely play,
And *shrivel'd* herbs on with'ring stems decay,
The wary ploughman, on the mountain's brow,
Undams his watry stores. *Dryden.*
- SHRIVER. *n. f.* [from *shrive*.] A confessor.
The ghostly father now hath done his *shrif*,
When he was made a *shriver* 'twas for theft. *Shakespeare.*
- SHROUD. *n. f.* [*scrup*, Saxon].
1. A shelter; a cover.
It would warm his spirits,
To hear from me you had left Antony,
And put yourself under his *shroud*, the universal land-lord. *Shakespeare. Ant. and Cleop.*
By me invested with a veil of clouds,
And swaddled, as new-born, in sable *shrouds*,
For these a receptacle I design'd. *Sandys.*
The winds
Blow moist and keen, shattering the graceful locks
Of these fair spreading trees; which bids us seek
Some better *shroud*, some better warmth, to cherish
Our limbs benumb'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
2. The dress of the dead; a winding-sheet.
Now the wadded brands do glow;
Whilst the screech owl screeching loud,
Puts the wretch that lies in woe
In remembrance of a *shroud*. *Shakespeare.*
3. The sail ropes. It seems to be taken sometimes for the sails.
I turned back to the mast of the ship; there I found my sword among some of the *shrouds*. *Sidney.*
The visitation of the winds,
Who take the ruffian billows by the top,
Curling their monstrous heads, and hanging them
With deafning clamours in the slippery *shrouds*,
That with the hurley death itself awakes. *Shakespeare.*
The tackle of my heart is crackt and burnt;
And all the *shrouds* whereof my life should sail,
Are turned to one little hair. *Shakespeare.*
A weather-